

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:531

ANSWERED ON:21.11.2001

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT SCHEME IN KENDRIYA BHANDAR

ARUN KUMAR;RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no voluntary retirement scheme in the Kendriya Bhandar but lakhs of rupees have been given under voluntary retirement scheme to the employees of Kendriya Bhandar;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the BoD passed the annual accounts despite the above lapses and the adverse report of the auditors in this regard;
- (d) whether the approval of the Board of Directors was obtained in giving Voluntary Retirement Scheme;
- (e) if so, the details therefor;
- (f) whether the Chairman is a part-time officer in the Kendriya Bhandar but he is taking major decisions not falling within his domain;
- (g) if so, whether there is any proposal to look into all matters where the Chairman has overstepped his jurisdiction; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b): There is no Voluntary Retirement Scheme for the employees of Kendriya Bhandar. Therefore, the question of retiring any Kendriya Bhandar's employee under Voluntary Retirement Scheme does not arise.

(c),(d)&(e): The BoD has passed the Annual Accounts. The Kendriya Bhandar had terminated the services of 3 employees in Chennai and paid them termination compensation. The Auditors had disclosed this as per auditing requirements and had not made an adverse report. The Board of Directors was fully apprised of these developments and has ratified the action taken by the Chairman.

(f),(g)&(h): As regards important decisions, the Chairman Kendriya Bhandar is fully accountable to the independent Board of Directors consisting of 17 members which includes 9 Senior Government Officers and 8 Elected Directors. The Accounts of Kendriya Bhandar for the year 2000-2001, was unanimously passed by Board of Directors which currently have 15 members and the Chairman has acted as per bye-laws of the Society. The Government is not aware of any instance where the Chairman may have overstepped its authority.